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National News

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Emergence magazine ceases publishing
Reports indicate that the nation's premier magazine for middle-class blacks has ceased publishing due to lack of sponsorship and funding. BET Inc., parent company to Black Entertainment Television, has been the source of funds for the Emergence publication and less than a year ago brought the new magazine to the Washington, D.C. area from New York City after the AIDS-related death of the original founder, Wilbur Ames. George Curry has served as Emergence's Editor-in-Chief for the past year.

Dr. Bristow to head AMA

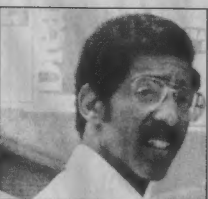
Dr. Lonnice R. Bristow, a 64-year-old practicing internist from San Pablo, California, has been elected to become the first African American president-elect for the American Medical Association. Bristow, who has served on the AMA Board of Directors since 1985 will become the organization's 150th president following his inauguration in June 1995. The medical profession has been racially divided over the years, with the AMA being comprised of white physicians and the National Medical Association (NMA) being the organization for black doctors.

Bogle, Black Publisher of the Year
Robert W. Bogle, publisher of the nation's oldest black newspaper, the Philadelphia Tribune, has been elected by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) as their publisher of the year. Bogle, who is serving a second term as president of the NNPA, compiles four other black publishers to gain the award which is presented for service to the organization and community. The award was presented at the 44th Annual Convention of the NNPA, also known as the Black Press of America. The Michigan Chronicle newspaper won the group's highest award for General Excellence which is based on overall appearance of the newspaper, general and departmental news coverage, journalistic excellence, promotion of general interests, editorial page and advertising content.

Report shows \$34 billion gap in potential child support payments
According to a report from the Welfare Reform Working Group, America's child support enforcement system is failing to keep pace with the rising number of children who should receive payments from their noncustodial parents. The report shows that fundamental, national differences between the two bills.

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Rice seeks presidency



Councilman Ronald Rice

NEWARK—West Ward Councilman Ronald L. Rice has announced his decision to seek the Newark council presidency when the mayor and council are sworn in on July 1. Rice was re-elected to his fourth term on the council in the May 10 municipal election where he ran unopposed. He noted that from the time he was first elected to the council from the West Ward in 1982, he has consistently supported those members of the council who sought the Presidency.

"Since 1990, I've been the only member of the council who supported Donald Tucker, Mildred Crump and Luis Quintana for At-Large council seats. While only Donald, who

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Majority of black kids fear for children

by the Children's Defense Fund

An overwhelming majority of adults (50 percent) say these are "really bad times" and (33 percent) say "tough times" for black children, and many worry that their children will not live to reach adulthood. This means that 83 percent of the adult black population are living in fear for their children's lives.

These results were findings of a poll recently released by the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) and the Children's Defense Fund (CDF). Despite the obstacles they face, 75 percent of black children feel these are very good times for them personally. A pervasive fear of violence, the presence of guns, and the influence of drugs and gangs has left 77 percent of black adults worried about their own children or children they know becoming victims of violence. One father articulated what many parents expressed as their greatest fear:

"When I was coming up, I always thought my life expectancy was about 45. But to be 15 and think that you ain't going to make it to 19—that's real serious."

Good health care (91 percent), job training and employment opportunities (78 percent), and high-quality public schools (78 percent) and preschool programs like Head Start (75 percent) topped the list of strategies black

adults feel would improve children's lives.

Adults also stressed returning to traditional, moral and religious values (73 percent), more after-school activities and jobs for youth (70 percent), and tougher gun control laws (68 percent) as important strategies to help children.

The poll confirms that the black child crisis, one of the worst since slavery, is real," said CDF President Marian Wright Edelman. "The disturbing news is that this is just the tip of the American iceberg of pervasive child and family neglect and the disintegration of spiritual, community, and family values across race and class. The hopeful news is that the African-American community is mobilizing to do something about it and is calling on the nation to do its part for our children and all children."

"Without adequate investment in jobs for youths and parents, we can neither end violence nor warfare as we know it. This nation has got to stop importing rather than educating and employing our young," Edelman said.

Black youth share adult concerns but remain hopeful

When asked about the children they know, black youth state these concerns:

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The new crime bill: the final countdown

by Wade Henderson

The House of Representatives recently passed its version of a controversial crime bill after two weeks of heated floor debate about violent crime that pushed the bill's total cost to almost \$28 billion. The Senate bill—which the NAACP strongly opposes—passed in November with a cost of \$22.3 billion. Now members of the House and Senate will soon meet to work out differences between the two bills.

The fear of violence has become a driving force in shaping the national debate on federal crime control legislation. Crime and violence are an American dilemma, not an isolate racial issue. Nonetheless, perceptions about race and crime—particularly involving African American males—strongly color the national debate about the nature of the crime problem. Even though only 5 percent of all street crime now falls under federal jurisdiction, both Democrats and Republicans have rediscovered the political potency of the crime issue; and both political parties are determined to "Get tough" on crime in an election year.

African Americans and Crime
African Americans have a particularly high stake in achieving effective solutions to the problem of crime and violence. After all, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, 47 percent of the victims of violent crime last year were African Americans. Gun related homicide is the principal cause of death for young black males between 15 to 24 years old.

Even when not directly the victims of crime, the psychic damage of crime in our community takes an especially heavy toll on the productivity of young lives. For example, 23 percent of all young black men are caught in the criminal justice system—either in prison, on probation, or on parole. For every Latino male with a college degree, there are 24 others behind bars. These figures mean that for many young men, their most productive years will be spent in prison rather than in society at large where they should be learning essential job skills or forming the important social relationships that are an integral part of stable family life.

When they leave prison, these men are untrained, poorly educated, and unable to find meaningful employment. Many are unable to

vote, which is especially unfortunate, since in a democratic society voting is one of the few acceptable ways of channeling frustration into meaningful change. Is it any wonder that recidivism is a continuing problem?

It is important that the nation recognize that crime and violence are multifaceted problems that affect all of us, and that each of us has a role to play in seeking effective solutions to the problem. African Americans want real solutions to the crime problem. We do not want the empty rhetoric that ignores the economic and social underpinnings to crime in America and makes "us" the problem.

This year's crime bills—with the notable exception of three provisions—offer newer versions of many of the same anti-crime policies that have failed despite over two decades of "Get tough" crime bills and a quadrupling of the prison population.

Regrettably, because of the substantial expansion of federal crimes, either the Senate or House crime bill will likely result in more African Americans being incarcerated with longer sentences. It appears, however, that public opinion polls are driving this issue which makes enactment of a new crime bill all but inevitable. This means that African Americans must make special efforts to get a crime bill that is fair and one which addresses our community's needs.

House Bill Is Better

It is well known that both the Senate and House crime bills have over 50 new death penalty provisions, substantial increases in funds for prison construction, and harsh new penalties that the NAACP opposes. Both bills contain versions of the infamous "Three Strikes and You're Out" provision imposing mandatory life imprisonment for third time felons. The Senate bill would even go so far as to mandate the prosecution of 15-year-old juveniles as adults if they are charged with certain violent federal crimes.

The NAACP is deeply troubled by the new mandatory sentencing provisions in the crime bills. We support the call of legal

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Whitney Houston, AT&T's TrueVoice



Singer Whitney Houston and AT&T president, Joseph P. Nacchio.

NEW YORK—International superstar Whitney Houston will be the featured performer in new television commercials for the nationwide introduction of AT&T TrueVoice, the new generation of sound quality available exclusively with AT&T longdistance service.

The five-time Grammy Award winner appeared at a news conference recently in New York with Joseph P. Nacchio, president of AT&T's consumer long distance unit, to announce the one year agreement.

"Whitney Houston personifies the clearer, closer sound quality of AT&T TrueVoice," Nacchio said. "It's a perfect match for our customers to understand the best sound quality ever achieved on a longdistance network."

Sixty percent of AT&T's consumers in the United States have TrueVoice. "By Sep-

tember, we'll have 75 percent with essentially 100 percent coverage by year end," Nacchio said.

Since entering the commercial music scene in 1985, Whitney Houston has surged to the top of her profession on an enviable record of success, with her first three albums for Arista Records selling a total of 40 million copies worldwide. The soundtrack for The Bodyguard, in which she starred, has sold more than 28 million copies worldwide.

Houston is the only recording artist to have seven consecutive number one hits, surpassing The Beatles and the BeeGees. This year she received three Grammys, eight American Music Awards, 11 Billboard Music Awards, five World Music Awards, five Image Awards from the NAACP, and two Soul Train Music Awards.

Ministers responds to Rollins' apology

WASHINGTON, DC—In response to Republican strategist Ed Rollins' visit to New Jersey recently, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) called on voters to register to vote in November stating, "New Jersey voters cannot be bought with loose change."

Rollins recently visited African-American church leaders in an effort to repair the damage he did to the Republican party as manager of the Whitman campaign after his statement last year that he had paid African Americans "walking-around" money to discourage voting.

"Mr. Rollins' visit to New Jersey is a reminder that each of us has an important stake in the democratic process," Lautenberg said. "It's time to put his statements of last fall behind us. But we should never forget the cynicism demonstrated by him, and people like him, who would even suggest that votes can be purchased like chips at a casino."

"I call on New Jersey residents to register to vote now, to go to the polls in November and to tell Ed Rollins that the people of New Jersey are not for sale. I am asking the State Democratic Party to increase its efforts to register new voters and hope his visit will be a catalyst for action on the part of all residents that have not yet participated."

"Mr. Rollins' remarks demonstrated just how important each individual vote can be—not just in the African-American community, but in every community in the State. As Americans, we owe it to ourselves and to our country to vote," Lautenberg said.

Statement of the Black Minister's Council

On November 9, 1993, black clergy of every denomination, all across this state of our credibility, integrity and ministries brought into question and ridiculed by cruel

allegations made by Mr. Edward Rollins, campaign consultant to Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

These allegations were that black ministers were paid half a million dollars to either say nothing or discourage members of our congregations from voting. Subsequent to these allegations, Mr. Rollins issued a retraction stating that his comments were groundless and without facts. In a word, it was a lie. Investigations by both the state and federal authorities bore this out.

We come now seven months since those cruel allegations were made. During that time Mr. Rollins has given several interviews to national magazines as well as television and has served as campaign manager for a black Republican United States Senate candidate in Pennsylvania.

Council felt that if Mr. Rollins was genuinely repentant of allegations made by him and that if he could give national interviews and resume his consultant work, then he could come back to the state of New Jersey, before a group of us, who were the victims, who felt the hurt and pain of his words, and personally apologize to us.

So this meeting today was initiated and arranged, not by Mr. Rollins, but by us, the victims, the black clergy of New Jersey.

The question has been asked by some, who resurrect this painful incident? There are several reasons.

First, because Mr. Rollins owes us, a personal apology. He personally apologized to Governor Whitman, he's apologized on television, in print and by fax, he did not accept Governor Whitman or the Republican party. He accused us and he needs to personally, not by fax or mail but personally, look us in the eye and apologize.

Secondly, because we want the same media, which piped these allegations all

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Community Calendar

MONTCLAIR—The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County will be celebrating its 35th anniversary this year and is looking for women over age 40 for the alumnae celebration and special events. For more info call Virginia Reed Breit 201-746-8200.

HOW THRU JUNE 30

NEW YORK—Pete Fontanes, Hispanic community and political activist has announced the formation of the Association of Cubans. The purpose of this organization will be primarily to participate in the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade and to assist in the economic and cultural development of the island of Cuba. For more information call 212-311-5593.

SUNDAYS ONLY TILL JUNE 30

MOUNTAINSIDE—"Uppiter the Giant" is the subject of The Trailside Planetarium show during the month of June. Only children 6 yrs and up are admitted. Show time 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information call 908-789-3070.

WESTEDGE, JUNE 22, 23-30
UNION COUNTY—The 1994 Summer Arts Festival will be held again this year at the beautiful Echo Lake Park on the Westfield/Mountainside border. Held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the schedule is filled with a wide array of music to fit most tastes. For more info call 908-527-4900. Bring a chair or a blanket. FREE.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 TIL AUGUST 4
PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volunteers of America will have a Basic Reading Tutor. Reading Workshop Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All workshops will be held at the Plainfield Public Library Meeting Room. For more info call 908-755-7596.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
PLAINFIELD—The Community Access Unlimited will have a meeting on the Home Share Program of Union County. It is an alternative housing option for those wanting to share their homes and those seeking housing. For more info call Sophia Smith 908-354-3040.

JULY 6, 11, 12, 18, 27
JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Women's Center will be offering a series of free lectures, workshops and legal education classes. Pre-registration required. For more info call Ms. DeAngelis at 201-220-3189.

SATURDAY, JULY 9
PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Tennis Club with the Division of Recreation will hold a Tennis Carnival from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Randolph Road Tennis Courts. For further info call Donald Van Blanke at 908-757-5257.

JULY 11 - AUG 15

PLAINFIELD—Literacy Volunteers of America will host a workshop entitled "English as a Second Language at the Public Library. All sessions are on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 908-755-7596.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

PLAINFIELD—"Stress Management" course to be offered by United Nations Bank's Community Education Center. Pre-registration is required. Space limited. For more info call Donette Pollard at 908-756-5000 ext. 2365. Free.

NEWARK—New Jersey Institute of Technology will have its guest speakers Filmakers Aysha Chandra & Pearl Bowser as part of the Newark Black Film Festival. 7 p.m. For more info call 201-598-4550.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library will have a program for Seniors entitled "SHARE. Help yourself to a better community and lower food costs." 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pre-registration required. For more info call 201-755-7734.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

TUCKERTON—The second annual Baymen's Festival will be held at the Tip Seaan County Park from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 609-296-8868.

SUNDAY, JULY 17

MORRISTOWN—The Concord Singers will present a summer concert at 3 p.m. with music of the twentieth century. They are sponsored by the NJ Council of the Arts and the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Donations. For more info call Mary E. Morrison 201-635-8676.

SUNDAY, JULY 24-30

WAYNE—Summer Jazz Improvisation Workshop. Headed up by Pianist Norman Simmons, bassist Todd Costman, drummers Johnny Williams & oboist David Densley for high school and college students. To register call 201-995-2288 or 201-595-2436.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

EAST ORANGE—Summer in the City. The East Orange High School Expo at 5 p.m. at the East Orange High School Annex. For more info call 201-286-5147/5123 or TTY-NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

EAST ORANGE—Caribbean Carnival from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Elmwood Park. For more info call 201-286-5147/5123 or TTY-NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

CRANFORD—George Brown of Plainfield, a recent graduate of Union County College, was awarded the College's Scholar-Athlete Award for excellence in both academic and athletic areas during the 1993-94 academic year. The Scholar-Athlete Award is presented to the Student-Athlete with the highest grade point average. Student-Athletes are selected based on their representation of the College's ideals, combining strong athletic performance in an intercollegiate sport with a good academic average.



Award recipient George Brown

Nominations needed for Philanthropy award

NEWARK—The New Jersey Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE) offers opportunities for New Jersey not profit to publicly recognize the generosity and outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations who have displayed extraordinary commitment in promoting philanthropy in the state.

Nominations for four separate awards will be accepted until July 15. The categories are: the "Corporate Philanthropy," the "Community Organization," the "Volunteer Award" and the "Robert J. Smythe Award for Professional Fund Raiser."

One nomination per category may be submitted by any chapter member, volunteer, corporation or nonprofit organization in the State of New Jersey.

Nominations forms including candidate criteria can be obtained by calling 201-455-1555, ext. 10.

Veronica Desmond named to anti-crime commission



Veronica E. Desmond

TRENTON—Veronica E. Desmond, a Victim/Witness Counselor in the Union County's Prosecutor's Office and resident of Linden, has been appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, to the Commission to Detour Criminal Activity.

The program has been very involved in various aspects of the criminal justice system. This experience combined with her expertise in the

communications field and her work in education will definitely make her an asset to the Commission" said Frank McDermott former legislative leader.

Desmond, President of Desmond International Communications, a global public relations firm in Linden, says as a member of the Commission she would like to discourage the thinking of many that "the East Coast is heaven for obscurity and recruitment of followers."

Desmond also served as professor at Wagner, Kean, and Upsala colleges, and a legislative aide to State Senator C. Louis Bassano, and is expected to begin her three-year term on the Anti-Crime Commission next month.

She says it will be her goal as a Commissioner to assist with the continuing education of the general public on the consequences of criminal activity.

"This may involve examining our information management of criminal data and the enhancement of communications."

Coping

by Dr. Charles Faulkner

My ideal woman

You have written many columns about male/female relationships. You often tell us the qualities that we should look for in our mates. I want you to tell me exactly what you want in a woman. What impresses you? What makes Dr. Charles Faulkner go after a lady? What is your ideal woman? In other words, what is Dr. Charles Faulkner really like? I know that these are somewhat personal questions, but your answers could help to make me a better woman.

Ms. B., Montreal, Canada.

Dear Mr. B.:

My ideal woman is only in my dreams. In real life, I am very flexible. You might be surprised to find that I do not have a real long list of qualities that a lady must possess in order to impress me. Instead, I have a very short list of basic requirements. Everything outside of that list is more of a wish than a requirement.

A woman immediately impresses me if she is feminine, neat and sedate. Here's what I mean. I am initially attracted to a woman who has a neat, fresh, gleaming hair-do. I really do not care how long her hair is, even though longer hair has a certain attractiveness to it. A smooth complexion (or neat makeup), manicured finger nails, and simple, unobtrusive (but neat) clothes are impressive. Suits, even coats are nice. The style and the cost of the clothes are unimportant. It is the neatness that counts.

Gentle behavior (often, referred to as a sweet disposition) is calming and relaxing. I like that. A woman can be demanding and officious on her job, but with me, I like her to be compassionate and understanding. She should care about how her behavior and temperament affect my feelings. An assertive, intelligent, caring woman is a gift. I try to avoid women who are domineering (who demand that I do things their way and get angry if I discuss an alternative); who are insecure (who constantly compete with their mate and resent their mate's achievement); who are temperamental and argumentative (who have such a volatile temper that they explode with anger and argument whenever they can't have their way. I hate to argue); who are uncompromising (who refuse to sacrifice some part of their freedom and wants for the sake of the success of the relationship); and, who are moody and unpredictable (who might be happy one minute, angry the next and non-ehalant the next. Like a woman who will be predictably compassionate when something troubles me). Unfortunately, most women (and men) hide these traits until the relationship is well under way.

You might have noticed that I did not tell you that the woman of my dreams should be beautiful like a model, should be shaped like Ms. America and should be brilliant like a Ph.D. If she is neat and feminine, she can win my heart whether she is dark-skinned, medium or light-skinned, average looking or attractive. A neat, feminine woman, I think, is attractive, no matter what she looks like. If she is gentle and compassionate, I don't care whether her hair is black or brown, short or long, kinky or straight. I don't really care what kind of figure she has. She can even be a bit overweight, as long as she is not fat, but is neat, gentle and feminine.

No one is perfect, neither I or anyone else, so I do not expect my lady to be perfect. Neither do I want her to expect perfection from me. I often compromise on some of the qualities that I like but in spite of the other qualities she might possess, she must be feminine, neat and calm.

With respect to her education, I require only that she be fundamentally intelligent, have common sense and ambition. When I was younger, having sex was the main feature, and objective, of a relationship. Now, however, sexual feelings are the result of the compatibility and fulfillment of all of the other qualities that I have mentioned. Finally, I like a woman who is willing to give as much to the relationship as I and who is as flexible, and demanding, in what she wants in a man, as I am in what I want in a woman.

Cemonts graduates CFNJ

MORRISTOWN—Adiaha Pamela Clemonts, a resident of Plainfield, is one of 34 "Fellows" who recently graduated from the Community Foundation of New Jersey Fellowship program.

Clemonts is a poetess and aspiring entrepreneur who over the past years has served the Plainfield

young communities by working in education and health fields. In 1988, she established the annual Watoto Wa Afrika Youth Festival. Her project will create a "Peace Now...or Never" leadership campaign and newsletter promoting peace in the lives of young people.

The Neighborhood Leadership Initiative represents a successful public/private partnership formed to improve predominantly urban and rural New Jersey communities.

The program seeks to encourage effective neighborhood leadership through extensive training, mentoring, and networking.

Upon graduating from the program the Fellows are awarded manageable grants of up to \$5,000 to implement their own community-based projects to address local needs.



Adiaha Pamela Clemonts

JCSC honors student nurses



JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Department of Nursing recently hosted a "Dinning Reception" for graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program. Patricia Joffe (left) of Westfield, a JCSC assistant professor of nursing, and Dr. Ellen Gardner (center left) of Livingston, chair of the JCSC Department of Nursing, congratulate Gerla Sanders (center right), received the Nursing Process Award, and Edwina Yambao received the Sigma Theta Tau International Award.

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by Robert N. Taylor

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tionwide changes are needed to close a \$34 billion gap in uncollected child support. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala says, "Improving child support enforcement would dramatically improve the well-being of millions of young mothers and their children; provide needed money for school clothes, food, books and child care." She pledged that "An aggressive, no-nonsense child support enforcement system will be a cornerstone of President Clinton's welfare reform proposals. We need to make it clear that parents, both parents, have responsibilities to support their children."

International

Study corroborates role of HIV infection in increased mortality

A study of residents in 15 villages in South-West Uganda showed that more than 50 percent of adult deaths, and more than 80 percent of deaths in young adults, were associated with HIV infection. The high HIV-related mortality and rapid progression to death among participants in its study highlight the severe impact of the HIV epidemic on sub-Saharan Africa. The World Health Organization has predicted that, by the year 2000, 30 to 40 million people will be infected with HIV, half of whom will live in sub-Saharan Africa. WHO data indicates that as many as 30 percent of sub-Saharan Africans living in urban areas may be HIV-positive.

U.S. invasion in Haiti would succeed

An American-led invasion to restore President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in Haiti would succeed easily, say U.S. intelligence officials. These officials say such an invasion would not bring a quick end to the turmoil and violence that have swept the Caribbean country, and that an international force to maintain order could be needed there for years. Haiti has an equipped army numbering some 7,500 soldiers.

by Robert N. Taylor

Black leaders & Farrakhan to re-convene in August

Despite negative coverage from the major media and protests from Jewish groups, black leaders representing nearly 100 organizations concluded a summit in Baltimore, Maryland recently and agreed to reconvene in mid-August. Groups protesting the summit were angered by the presence of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Farrakhan is widely accused of delivering fiery anti-white speeches and of being anti-Jewish. The only black leaders not adequately represented were members of the Congressional Black Caucus. Only two of the "Caucus" 10 members attended the gathering. The summit was the brainchild of NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Chavis. Chavis said the summit was primarily designed to "structure a new agenda for economic and political empowerment."

—BALTIMORE, MD.

Colin Powell urged to run for President as a Republican

Some Republican party power brokers are said to be urging former Joint Chief of Staff Chairman Colin Powell to enter the presidential race as a Republican. The nation's first black chairman of the Joint Chiefs remains unclear about his intentions. But insiders supposedly want him to enter the race in 1996 as a Vice Presidential candidate and then be the party's Presidential contender in 2000 or 2004. —WASHINGTON, D.C.

Poverty increases Black cancer risks

According to a study released last week, the higher rate of cancer among blacks results more from poverty than from genetic racial differences. The study which was conducted at The State University of New York at Buffalo found that cancer rates for several cancers were about equal for poor blacks and poor whites. One of the chief researchers, Kevin Corey, said the results "imply that solving the problem of severe economic impoverishment would go a long way toward diminishing cancer rates among both blacks and whites."

—BUFFALO, NY

PBS awards \$5 million to minority shows

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting last week agreed to establish a \$5 million fund for more minority-oriented programming on public television. The money is not much by commercial television standards but it is considered significant for public television. The money becomes available in the 1996 budget. —WASHINGTON, DC

Farrakhan celebrates Savior's Day in Africa

by Afrua Judah

Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, made a 14 day trip to Africa and Europe, where he met with four Heads of State and the renowned former head of Zambia, the most respected living African leader in the world, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda.

Minister Farrakhan's first stop was Ghana, where he toured sites and locations for the up-coming October Savior's day Convention. He also met with Minister Akbar Muhammad and his staff of four F.O.I. from the States who have volunteered to assist in the preparation for the Convention. They are Brother Daniel X. Armstrong and Brother Ali Shun Kariem from Los Angeles, California; and Brother James Muhammad and Bro. Brian 2X Williams from New York.

While in Ghana, Minister Farrakhan and his staff, Leonard Akbar Muhammad—Chief of Staff, Mustapha Farrakhan—his son and Captain, and Brother Jabril Muhammad, talked with President Rawlings about the changes on the African Continent. President Rawlings assured them that the people and Government of Ghana are

readily looking forward to the Nation of Islam's Saviour's Day Convention to be held in Accra this October.

From Ghana, Minister Farrakhan and his delegation, including Minister Akbar Muhammad who is also the International Representative of the Nation of Islam, traveled to Kenya where he met with President Daniel Arap Moi. The following day Dr. Kenneth Kaunda joined Minister Farrakhan in Nairobi for discussions. Minister Farrakhan extended him an invitation to the Nation of Islam for their Saviour's Day Convention in Accra.

The next stop for the delegation was Kampala, Uganda, where they attended the opening session of the Consultative Assembly. Recently elected members were preparing to draft the new constitution keeping in-step with the new democratic reforms sweeping Africa. Minister Farrakhan and Dr. Kaunda met and talked with President Museveni. From there they returned to Nairobi and boarded a private plane headed for the Sudan.

Minister Farrakhan and Dr. Kaunda met with President Bashir to discuss the problems of the Sudan and Africa in general. In a meeting with Dr. Hassan Turabi, Minister Akbar Muhammad made an appeal for Sudan to send a representative to the Saviour's Day Convention in Ghana.



From left to right, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, former head of state of Zambia; Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam; and Yoweri K. Museveni President of Uganda, at the Savior's Day reception in Kampala.

The new crime bill

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Scholars to eliminate the growing use of mandatory minimum sentences, which result in irrationality, disparity and discrimination in the enforcement of criminal laws, and decrease

certainty and deterrence in sentencing.

We applaud both the Senate and House bills for their substantial efforts to increase the number of police on the streets. Community-based policing initiatives can help reduce street crime as they foster greater community involvement. We also support both bills in their drug treatment proposals and in their efforts to incorporate child protection programs into anti-crime legislation. We are especially pleased with the Senate's adoption for an assault weapons ban, but we know that the National Rifle Association will do what it can to strip this provision from the final crime bill.

However, the House crime bill, although seriously flawed, offers a better contrast in proposals that are tough on crime and those that seri-

ously attempt to address the need for long-term crime reduction initiatives. The House bill's \$7 billion "Crime prevention package" is essential for effective crime control through community-based programs. Moreover, the House bill makes a serious effort to address the well established racial discrimination in death penalty sentencing.

Racial Justice Act

Perhaps the most important substantive feature of the House crime bill is the Racial Justice Act, which is a modest civil rights remedy for racial bias in death penalty cases. The RJA simply allows an individual who believes, based upon a careful review of the case, that his or her

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Beyond the South African election

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA—The South African election, held April 26th to 29th, was declared to have taken place substantially freely and fairly by the head of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), Mr. Justice Johann Kriegler, on May 6.

The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) announced its decision to contest the election on April 19th following agreement between itself, the African National Congress (ANC), the then National Party (NP) government to amend the transitional constitution. The agreed amendments would secure the role and powers of the Zulu king in KwaZulu Natal, and provide for international mediation on constitutional differences between the two sides regarding proposed provincial powers in a final constitution. The three parties which achieved most support in the poll, the ANC (63 percent), the NP (20 percent), and the IFP (11 percent), formed a government of national unity (GNU) following the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela on May 10th. The GNU is set to last until at least April 1999.

Addressing a South African Institute of Race Relations briefing on May 17th, one of the Institute's vice presidents, Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, outlined features of the election and pointers to the immediate political future in South Africa. Professor Schlemmer described South Africa's present political situation as one of "pre-democracy", in which ethnically-based political groupings had opted for unity government rather than normal government-versus-opposition-style politics.

Noting that the election had little to do with policy-based issues, Professor Schlemmer described it as a "liberation election" characterized by the mobilization politics of freedom on the one hand, and fear of loss on the other. The ANC had managed to bridge ethnic divisions among black Africans and garner their support, but had been supported by only 3 percent of whites. Only 2 percent of black Africans had supported either the NP or the Democratic Party (DP), while the IFP had managed to make inroads among both black and white voters capturing the KwaZulu Natal province.

Colored people in the Western Cape had feared losing their economic status to black Africans. Subsequently, they supported the NP, giving it victory in that province. In areas where competition for economic status was between colored people and whites, colored voters had by and large supported the ANC.

Professor Schlemmer said political intolerance was evident among people of all races. Thus, in a Human Sciences Research Council poll conducted in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) region before the election, 59 percent of black respondents said that parties they disliked most should not be allowed to canvass support 34 percent of Whites agreed as did 27 percent of

Indians and 18 percent of colored respondents.

Looking ahead, Professor Schlemmer said government by grand ethnic coalition, now apparent in the established between the ANC, the NP, and the IFP, would lead to a corporatist state. While providing the

country with much sought-after stability, such a system would also cater for the interests of both central and provincial governments, most labour, most agriculture, most business, national security, the country's traditional sectors, and

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Rivalry in the PBA

Two black East Orange police officers, Gary Griffin and Charles Hall, who were running for President of local #16 were disqualified by the New Jersey Police Benevolent Association officials because they are affiliated with another police organization. They have dual membership in the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and the Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.). At press time, neither Hall or Griffin could be reached for comment, and an unidentified officer declined to comment when asked if it was against their policy for officers to belong to two organizations when seeking election.

While, East Orange police officer and current P.B.A. Vice-President Thomas Koudry challenged the nominations of both officers—even though he formerly belonged to both organizations simultaneously himself. The elections went forward without representation from the black officers on June 16—leaving Koudry the only man on the ballot. At the present time, attorneys for the black officers are seeking a court order to have the election thrown out on the basis of discrimination. Maybe this is the right thing to do to combat this injustice—the fact that this election was allowed to take place under this cloud sends the wrong message to the black community.

Nothin' to do in Plainfield

by Sherry Burrus

Once again, that time of year is approaching when the heat is unbearable, the days grow longer and schools let out. And just what do our Plainfield youth have to look forward to? Ask the average teenager and I'm sure "nuthin'" or "I dunno" will be among the top two responses.

So what does all this mean? It means our youth need something to look forward to, as well as, someone to look up to. I don't know or nothing should not have to be a part of our children's daily routine.

Sure, the city helps provide jobs for our youth and they should be commended. Sure there are programs that provide day care and summer camps for our children and they too should be commended.

But what about the teenagers who don't want or are forbidden to work and who are too old for these programs? What does Plainfield have to offer them?

We need a youth program for our teenagers. Something to keep them entertained and entices them to want to come back. A program which sponsors trips to colleges and universities in and out of state amusement parks, skating rinks etc. anything to keep them off of the streets. That covers something to look forward to.

And what about the someone to look up to? Well, Plainfield has plenty

of productive High School graduates, as well as, college students, such as myself, who need employment. These are perfect role models, who could relate to teenagers, because they are relatively close in age.

I have concerned myself with this issue, foremost because I have a teenage brother. Secondly, because I am fascinated with the deterioration of the city, which I was told was once a beautiful and productive city.

As a native New Yorker, my family moved to Plainfield in 1984, when I was a teenager. I disliked Plainfield because I felt it was "boring," and still believe it to be boring to the average teenager.

There were few programs for the youth back then and very few now. The only difference between then and now is there wasn't half as many drug dealers on the streets.

Now-a-days drug dealers have dominated our streets. Drug dealing has become a decision or option and many times out of boredom or curiosity. For many, it has developed into a way of life or career.

This isn't to say that every child in Plainfield, or that grows up in the inner city will become a drug dealer, but merely speaking of some who have already taken this route.

Perhaps, if there had been some type of youth program to entertain our youth, there wouldn't be half as many drug dealers in Plainfield, but that's a big if and a question that may remain a mystery unless something is done, and soon.



by Connie Woodruff

Orange councilman Mims Hackett may find himself likened to the fabled Lone Ranger in his suggestion to Mayor Robert Brown, members of the city council and department directors to vote for a cut in pay because of the grandiose tax rate of \$22.40 per \$100—the highest in the city's history.

For most elected officials at any level of government, giving something back, especially money and benefits, is viewed as a super-no-no.

Political watchers in this town are not surprised Hackett has raised the issue of money. They expect him to oppose Brown if he decides to run for another term and believe Hackett has found the mayor's Achilles heel early and will hammer away at the city's expected fiscal problems often.

While elected officials in Orange have their problems, Newark city councilmen wrestled with the council presidency right down to the wire.

Seemingly the only solution to the choice for council president is to continue rotating the office on an annual basis even though it is not the most cost-effective way to run government and makes it difficult for any presi-

dent to lay out a plan of action that will benefit the city and give some semblance of sanity to the governing body.

Citizens of Newark can expect Mayor James to make some changes in city hall as he begins a third term in office.

Department heads, who were criticized most by candidates who opposed the mayor in May, could find themselves on Hizzoner's much-feared hit list. That's one reason why things are relatively quiet around city hall in the weeks leading up to July 1 and the mayor's third inaugural.

Members of the Statewide Hispanic Task Force have good reason to question the University of Medicine and Dentistry affirmative action policy and office.

Hispanic unhappiness with hiring practices at UMDNJ date back many years; to when this writer was a member of the Board of Concerned Citizens (at UMDNJ).

Once again, Latinos charge the university with discrimination against Latinos. It has no Latino members on its board of trustees, few senior managers, a low percentage of Latino employees, with the majority hired in low-level positions, notured Latino faculty, no Latino community based

programs and no Latino contractors or vendors.

Not only will UMDNJ be audited for its hiring practices but also for firing practices through a federal audit.

Not unexpectedly councilmember Luis Quintana, Newark's former deputy mayor, has promised to make the matter a council issue shortly after he takes office on July 1. Quintana has pledged to bring UMDNJ President Stanley Bergen before the municipal body on a defeat he may find a bit troublesome unless approached diplomatically.

Despite critics, Dr. Bergen is viewed by many as an icon in the community and a tough man in a tough fight.

As expected, Ganiella Coleman is making the transition from law to philanthropy with ease as the vice president in charge of contributions and social investments for The Prudential.

Coleman took office as president of Prudential Foundation Board in April and will oversee Prudential's Corporate Social Responsibility Division, including foundation grant making and social investment initiatives continuing the foundation focus on critical children's issues and community health and education initiatives.

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Mrs. Coleman found her niche in New Jersey's political and corporate communities as the bride of former Commissioner of Community Affairs, Leonard Coleman, but had lived in the state as a student at Princeton University where she graduated with an B.A. in architecture and planning in 1977 prior to receiving a J.D from the University of Texas Law School in 1980.

She joined the Prudential Realty Group's Newark staff in 1985 where she was regional counsel.

The Colemans live in Middletown and are the parents of two children, Leonard III and Christiana. Mr. Coleman is President of the National Baseball League and head of the Bishop Tutu Scholarship Fund in the United States.

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NAACP summit, a success

by Dr. Conrad Worrell

I was invited to participate and represent my organization, the National Black United Front (NBUF), at the historic National African American Leadership Summit held June 12-14, in Baltimore, Md., sponsored by the NAACP under the dynamic leadership of its new Executive Director, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.

The meeting was held at the NAACP's National headquarters purchased in 1986. It was a former seminary that sits on three or four acres of land. The land and the buildings the headquarters sits on are paid for in full. This was definitely the proper setting for the meeting.

In this regard, the NAACP sponsored National African American Leadership Summit grew out of the Congressional Black Caucus Town Hall Meeting held in September and organized by Caucus Chair, Kweisi Mfume.

The participants at the Town Hall Meeting were the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman Maxine Waters, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Dr. Ben Chavis, and Congressman Kweisi Mfume.

More than 2,000 people attended this meeting and millions saw it televised on C-SPAN. At the meeting's end, Congressman Mfume announced that the Congressional Black Caucus would form a covenant with the Nation of Islam just like they had with the NAACP and the National Rainbow Coalition.

This pronouncement sent shock waves to the external and internal forces that have historically blocked efforts by the broad segment of African American leadership to unite.

Despite denunciations of this new covenant with the Nation of Islam by some Jewish organizations and members of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman Mfume held strong in his position.

It was suggested in the Town Hall Meeting that the kind of discussion that took place between Rev. Jackson, Congressman Waters, Min. Farrakhan, Dr. Chavis and Mfume should continue in a summit of African American Leadership.

The NAACP and its leader, Dr. Ben Chavis, backed by its board Chair, Dr. William F. Gibson, took on the challenge of organizing this most important meeting of a broad and diverse segment of African American Leadership.

It took several months to follow through in organizing this summit due to the great opposition of Minister Farrakhan being included in the summit, as well as so-called "radicals, militants, nationalists and progressives."

However, Dr. Chavis and Dr. Gibson stood firm and finally sent out the call for this meeting that was held under the veil of tight security because of the numerous threats on the life of Dr. Chavis and several other leaders who were invited.

This summit must be seen in the historical context dating back to the early 19th century in the Negro Convention Movement where African American leaders convened to hammer out strategies to address the enslavement and oppression of black people in this country.

The call for the meeting stated its purpose was the "Development and Implementation of Effective Strategies for African American Economic Development, Youth and Community Empowerment, and Moral and Spiritual Renewal."

I don't think any of the summit participants were naive enough to think we would come up with comprehensive strategies to the myriad of problems and issues that affect the African American community.

However, I do think that most participants came to begin the process of working with other leaders and organizations to begin to build black unity and build (a consensus around) developing short-range and long-range strategies to begin collectively working on economic development, youth and community empowerment, and moral and spiritual renewal.)

I have been in many meetings since I began participating in the movement in 1965, but I can't recall a meeting conducted with such a high degree of spirit, sense of the Nation and sensitivity to the urgent problems facing our people.

Two-thirds (67 percent) of black adults think that at least half of all black children will become teenage parents.

Two-thirds (67 percent) think that half or more of all black children will be denied important opportunities because of racial prejudice.

Three-fifths (62 percent) think that at least half of black children will have their lives destroyed by drugs.

Three-fifths (61 percent) believe that half or more of black children will get in trouble with the law.

Black community begins crusade for children: challenges nation to do its part.

These are more complex times than the 1960's and we must plan and implement more complex remedies, said Dr. James Comer, Maurice Falk professor at Yale University and

Dr. Chavis masterfully chaired the three-day summit with the highest degree of diplomacy and respect for the varying personalities and differences between the various leaders and organizations in attendance.

Of the more than 100 leaders who attended, some of them were: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Min. Louis Farrakhan, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Dr. Betty Shabazz, Haki Madhubuti, Edward Buzi Palmer, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, Dr. Cornel West, Ossie Davis, Jylla Foster of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Dorothy Gilliam of the National Association of Black Journalists, Dr. Alvin Poussaint, Coach George Raveling of USC, Rev. Al Sharpton, Howard Woods, Grand Master, Prince Hall Mason, and Rev. Ike Williams.

The most significant outcome of the meeting was the depth of discussion that took place, and the organization of three committees (economic development, youth and community empowerment, and moral and spiritual renewal) to begin a more in-depth examination of these areas in preparation for the expanded follow-up summit meeting to take place the 3rd week in August.

As Vernon Jarrett once wrote, "The fact that every call a group of serious black people take strategy session, other than to begin to determine who shall be invited and what shall be the agenda."

They were not successful this time thanks to the bold leadership of the NAACP and its leader Dr. Benjamin Chavis.

Dr. Conrad Worrell is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front.

Life's little instructions

Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.

Black adults fear for children

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- kids having guns (70 percent)
- drugs (68 percent)
- violence in school (66 percent)
- dropping out of school (64 percent)
- living in a dangerous neighborhood (64 percent)
- involvement with gangs (63 percent)
- involvement with people who are a bad influence (63 percent)
- having a difficult family life (55 percent)
- not having enough to do out side of school (52 percent).

Top community concerns range from jobs to violence, teen pregnancy, and racial prejudice. The comprehensive national survey of 1,004 black adults and 421 youths (ages 11-17) was commissioned by the BCCC. Conducted by Peter D. Hart Research Associates, the poll reveals that 73 percent of black adults feel it is harder for children growing up today than it was for

them and 67 percent think the obstacles black children face outweigh the opportunities.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 30

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library children's section has scheduled a "Film" program at 4 p.m. For more information call 908 757-1111.

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NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of the Arts will present "Firework Collage" by creating a brilliant firework collage using glitter, sequins, foil and colored paper. Workshops begin every hour between 12 noon and 5 p.m. For more info, call 212 274-0986.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

EAST ORANGE—"Summer in the City" presents "Salute to America" theme for their kids fest, 11 a.m. For more info 201 266-6147/8123. For hearing impaired call TTY-NJ Relay 1 800-7897.

SATURDAY, JULY 9 & 10

NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of the Arts weekend workshop will have "Painting Prints." One every hour, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 212 274-0986.

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Science High wins third place in Engineering competition



NEWARK—A team of five students from Science High School in Newark took third place in the New Jersey state finals of the fifth annual National Engineering Design Competition with their invention, "The Nifty Lifter." The NEDC competition requires teams of high school students to solve a problem in American society by designing and demonstrating an original device. This year's problem required a device to safely lift, hold and move heavy, bulky objects such as bags of groceries, 25 pound sacks of dog food or a five-gallon drum of paint. The device must be safe, cost effective, user friendly, transportable, fit through a standard door and be set up in 25 minutes. It also must be of use to able and disabled consumers. The Nifty Lifter was designed and built by, left to right: teacher H. James Gray, Jr., Jeffery Cedeno, Venus Caba, Idania Espinosa, Rahul Patel, and Demario Arias.

E. O. Kids Fest salutes America

EAST ORANGE—The beauty and richness of American culture comes alive at the fourth annual East Orange "Kids' Fest" on Saturday, July 9, 1994 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the city's Soverel Park. This year's theme is "Salute To America," and celebrates the people, customs and history of the various regions of the United States, Sam Wright, the voice behind "Sebastian the Crab" from the popular Disney movie "The Little Mermaid," is the featured performer.

"This year's 'Kids' Fest' will be a fun-filled learning experience," said East Orange First Lady and "Kids' Fest" Chairperson Sandy Cooper. "During the day, our young citizens will be exposed to our country's various regions and the diversity of the American experience."

Soverel Park will be divided to represent the United States with activity tents for each region. Highlights of this year's event include an authentic teepee, exhibit and workshop by the Inter Tribal Indians of New Jersey, a horseback riding and pistol shooting demonstration and covered wagon rides by the Black Western Experience, an organization of African-American cowboys, a colonial tent that features costumed characters from the Revolutionary War period, sheep shearing, wool spinning and a pie eating contest.

Registration for this free event is not required but encouraged. Each registered participant will receive a coupon booklet for discounts at area retailers and youth oriented businesses. Soverel Park is located on Springdale Avenue between Brighton

Avenue and North Park Street. For additional information call (201) 266-5123 or 266-5142.



Alor Sam Wright, the voice behind "Sebastian the Crab," from the Disney movie "The Little Mermaid," is the featured performer for the East Orange "Kids Fest."

\$20,000 in scholarships awarded to Newark students

NEWARK—Twenty members of the Class of 1994 will have financial help from the Executive Superintendent paying college tuition next fall. They'll have \$1,000 renewable scholarships to help with expenses. The scholarship awards were presented in a ceremony on Thursday, June 23, 1994.

The scholarship recipients were selected based on their academic achievement and potential for success in post-secondary education, as well as financial need. Executive Superintendent Eugene C. Campbell said the selection process was difficult.

"There are so many deserving students, it's a shame we couldn't provide scholarships for all of them. I congratulate these students for their outstanding achievements," he said.

This is the fourth consecutive year the Executive Superintendent's Scholarship Fund has been assisting needy Newark high school graduates to pursue a higher education. More than 80 students have received \$1,000 renewable scholarships since 1990.

"It's important to invest in our students because it's an investment in our future," Mr. Campbell said.

The 1994 recipients plan to attend local, as well as out of state colleges with majors in education, engineering, medicine and accounting, among other fields of study. The 1994 scholarship recipients are: Geddel Mondesir (Arts) Sharronda Boughton (Arts), Carretta D. Little (Barringer), Denise Rosa (Barringer) Laquetta Frazier (Central), Hemant Patel (Central) Angela Caamano (East Side), Lorena Alves (East Side), Filomena Spina (East Side), Diana da Silva (East Side), Donatus Harris (Malcolm X Shabazz), Nafesa Al-Mutazzim (Malcolm X Shabazz), Ekow Yankey (Weequahic), Kubura Onilogo (Weequahic), Dollis Cummings (West Side), Trelonida Lefidwige (West Side) Aisha Crute (Science) Kiesha Sigler (Science), Marquiesha Lewis (University) and Julie Jewell (University).

M.S.U. holds gifted and talented summer program

MONTCLAIR—Don't let your children become victims of the aimless summer doldrums. Instead, enroll them in Montclair State University's Gifted and Talented Youth Program Summer Day Camp. Students will learn about robotics, the statistics of gambling and games of chance, simulated trials and SAT preparation.

Qualified teenagers in grades 6-10 will participate in two non-credit college level classes, one each in humanities and mathematics or science, for a total of five hours per day devoted to academics. The weekday program runs August 1-19.

All homework projects, assignments and experiments will be completed by 2:30 p.m. each day to leave time for supplementary programs

that include aerobics, weight-training, swimming instruction, fencing, photography, music writing and drama. Other activities will include tournament games such as chess, checkers, backgammon, Scrabble, volleyball, softball and basketball.

The summer program is sponsored by MSU's Gifted and Talented Youth Program, which offers college-level courses throughout the year for students in the top 5 percent of their class in academic performance, or otherwise recognized by their schools or on standardized tests as being gifted. Tuition for the three-week 1994 Summer Day Camp is due in with the application by July 8. For more information call 201-655-4104.

Free SAT practice test and workshops

Newark—New Jersey Institute of Technology's Talent Search Program is sponsoring two free events in July for area students, parents and community members. Both programs will be held on NJIT's campus in Newark, N.J.

They are: SAT Practice Test on Saturday, July 9, 1994 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the NJIT Information

Technology Building - Room 1100. The other program is a Parent-Student-Community Workshop on Saturday, July 16, 1994 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at NJIT Tiernan Hall - Lecture Room One.

To register for the SAT Practice Test or the Parent-Student-Community Workshop call the Talent Search office at (201) 596-8462.

Summer reading program challenges Newark children

NEWARK—As part of its Summer Fun activities, The Newark Public Library will again sponsor its annual "Summer Reading Challenge" for Newark's school children (grades pre-K through 8). This year's theme is "Hop on Board the Magic Reading Bus."

This festive program kicks off at 10:00 a.m. on June 30 with a fun-filled rally in Washington Park. The rally will feature a variety of carnival-type entertainment, magic, music, face painting, storytelling and a picnic lunch, which will be provided by Sunshine Biscuits and by Library Board of Trustees member, Miles Berger.

The "Summer Reading Challenge" encourages children to include the magical adventure of reading in their summer activities. It rewards their efforts with popular fun events and a step-system of prizes. During the last few summers, participating Newark children have read more than 20,000 books.

"All studies are showing that a significant relationship exists between increased reading and improvement in a child's overall academic and social achievement," comments Dr.

Alex Boyd, director of The Newark Public Library. "Any effort that can be made to encourage Newark's children to read is paramount."

Children interested in signing up for this exciting program can do so at the Children's Room in the Main Library or any of the branch libraries. Each child will receive a "Hop on Board the Reading Bus" poster, bookmark, and reading log. All participants who read and report on at least 5 books will receive prizes and achievement certificates during the program. At the conclusion of the "Summer Reading Challenge," Panasonic will award personal audio equipment to the top winners.

"In addition to the 'reading' prizes," notes Michele Cappetta, program coordinator, "there will be special prizes awarded to the winners in each of the three divisions—pre-K through K, grades 1 through 3, grades 4 through 8—who do the best job of coloring their 'Hop on Board the Reading Bus' posters."

For more information, visit the Children's Room in the Main Library or call (201) 733-7731.

Getting kids off the street

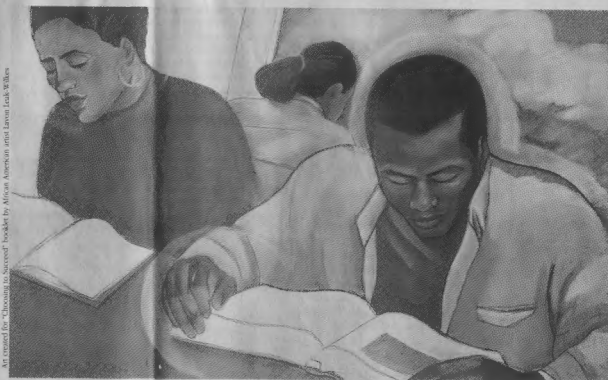
NEWARK—Faith Christian Center located at 998 South Orange Ave. in the City of Newark will sponsor their third annual trip to Disney World from August 14-20th. This will be the third year that young people have been taken out of the community to spend a week of fun in the sun in Orlando Florida. The church has seen the number of youngsters increase and are looking to take close to 100 young people this year.

Disney World, Universal Studios and Wet and Wild are the attractions that will be visited. "What had originally started

out as a trip for children has now developed into a family, community based excursion," stated Mamie Bridgeforth trip coordinator for Faith Christian Center. "We must give our children a chance to experience childhood again. It's so wonderful to see kids who are streetwise and in many instances jaded by their urban experiences become different people once we arrive in Disney World. They truly become children again."

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PERTH AMBOY—1994 Annual Holy Convocation "Holiness" will be at the Cathedral—Second Baptist Church, 227 Madison Ave. There will be speakers, workshops and special music by Rev. Raphael Green. Registration fee is \$10, children under 12 free. For more info, call 908-826-5293 or 826-6046.

SUNDAY AUGUST 14

EAST ORANGE—Summer in the City presents an "Afternoon of Gospel Music" at Soveral Park from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 201-326-5147/5123. For hearing impaired call TTY - New Jersey Relay 1 800-7897.

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Newark HHS Launches Substance Abuse Campaign

NEWARK—The Newark Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Division of Community Health, recently announced the launching of an anti-substance abuse campaign.

The project features poster boards (interior and exterior) on New Jersey Transit buses and outdoor billboards, a video public service announcement (PSA) done by the local rap group, "Soul King Productions," comprised of Hassan Coombs a.k.a. Haskilly and Chris Bonaparte a.k.a. Soul King. The PSA is currently airing on Cablevision of Newark.

The campaign, primarily aimed at adolescents, has been made possible through funds from the County of Essex, Office of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services.

Mayor Sharpe James said, "The talented, young rappers in the video are to be commended for using their creative energies for something good. So often, you only hear the negative things about some Newark youth. Well, here is an example of young

people being a positive part of the solution, helping other youngsters say no to drugs. In addition I would like to salute the county officials who made this innovative, anti-drug program possible."

According to HHS officials, the drive is an initiative of the Essex County Municipal Alliance and also includes theatrical performances, a Substance Abuse Forum for Education (S.A.F.E.) Conference for teenagers, training workshops for the homeless and senior citizens, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) forums and events.

Bob Ruffin, HHS director, said, "The Municipal Alliance campaign is designed to address a serious problem in Newark throughout Essex County. Through this initiative, we are able to provide our children with good, solid information that will help to make them aware of the great dangers of drug abuse."

For additional information please call 733-4403 or 733-4404.

... that during the past two weeks the British press has been filled with articles about a deadly new virus which kills people by eating their flesh. One headline reads: "Mutant Flesh-Eating Bug Ate My Brother In 18 Hours." The culprit is scientifically known as beta haemolytic streptococcus A, and it does produce a toxin which causes the flesh to rot. But it is not new having been first discovered in 1790.

... that according to federal statistics, during the 1980's the number of people dying of asthma doubled. And disproportionately, those dying are blacks who live in inner city neighborhoods. The experts are not sure why.

... that if you are looking for income enhancement you may want to consider owning a 900-Number. With small advertising budgets, many people are able to produce \$40,000 or more a year. For a complete guide "900 Number Wealth" write the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. The guide is \$7.95.

... that Germany's highest court has legalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and hashish. The judge whose ruling led to the high court decision wrote two years ago: "Germans have a constitutional right to intoxicate themselves if they so desire."

... that you can "give" yourself five extra hours a week or 31 extra days a year if you just get up an hour earlier each day of the work week.

... that lending money to a friend or family member may be a bad idea. According to a study by financial columnist Andrew Keating, 50 percent of loans to friends and family members are never repaid and nearly 75 percent of loans to friends are not repaid.

... that an essential step to becoming better organized and making the best use of your time is to each evening take a few minutes to plan, organize and put things in place for the next day.

• Be extra careful turning left.

• Slow down when you approach an intersection.

• Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.

• Avoid riding after dark or if the weather is bad.

Without a doubt, summer is the time for drivers to be more cautious, especially during the first weeks of vacation when kids are enjoying the fun of school-free play.

Motorists must be on the lookout for boys and girls who race across the street without warning, dart suddenly from behind a parked car or chase after a loose ball. Be alert and be critical.

The AAA offers some summer bicycle safety tips for parents and children to review:

• Always wear an approved bicycle safety helmet.

• Stop and check for traffic before entering the street from a driveway, parking lot or sidewalk.

• Obey all traffic signs, signals and pavement markings.

• Ride on the right-hand side of the street, moving with the flow of traffic.

Habitat for Humanity hosts 'house raising'

PLAINFIELD—Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plainfield will host a "house raising" to erect its 7th house at 530 E. 6th St. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 9 from 8:30 a.m. until the house is closed in.

Volunteers, including members of the Carpenters and Millwrights Local 155, will put the pieces of a new "paneled" house together on the already constructed foundation. The public is invited to lend a hand, or to watch as the house is built.

NJCLF receives \$1.5 million loan

NEWARK—Over 150 corporate, civic, religious and government leaders recently gathered to celebrate the growth of the New Jersey Community Loan Fund, which was given a big boost as The Prudential Foundation announced a groundbreaking \$1.3 million loan commitment.

Prudential Foundation has also awarded a \$115,000 grant to the organization's operations. The Fund focuses financing and technical assistance to community-based organizations for affordable housing, jobs and other economic enterprises, which benefit lower income people throughout the state.

The Prudential Foundation's commitment will increase the revolving loan pool to approximately \$4.5 million and ranks as the largest in the

Fund's history.

This commitment will enable the Fund to leverage ten times that amount over the next five years, ensuring significant capital flow to community-based development across the state.

Due to the consistent support of corporations, foundations, religious organizations and individuals, the Fund has provided technical assistance to over 50 nonprofit organizations in nearly 30 communities throughout the state.

Projects provide rental and ownership opportunities for 1,300 lower income New Jerseyans and another 800 adults and children. Fresh-Eating Bag car services, substance abuse facilities and jobs.

DID YOU KNOW?

by Robert N. Taylor

Planning expert Dolores Cotter Lamping adds that the next day's activities should be written down on a "Things to do list" and you should refer to the list several times a day.

... that this week's favorite quote comes from the great Chinese scholar Confucius: "If you make a mistake and do not correct it, then you have made an even greater mistake."

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Twenty-one affordable homes open in Jersey City

JERSEY CITY—Twenty-one two-family homes were recently opened in Jersey City's Lafayette Park, marking the culmination of a multi-faceted half-decade that has seen 301 affordable units spring up all over the city.

Rental rehabs, constructed housing for purchase, rental, and special needs, including a child care facility, were funded in large by HUD and New Jersey's Dept. of Community Affairs.

Conceived in January of 1992 as a 5 phase, 207 unit reclamation a long abandoned land, the project flew from planning to funding, to ground breaking on March 1, 1992. Phase I was completed by June 30, 1992. Phase II, III and IV followed swiftly. Then, with a hiatus for 102 units in Newark, Phase V appeared.

All were part of a remarkable fusion

of government, banks and developers working at a professional pace, without a hitch or hesitation.

There were seven prime contributors which included: United Jersey Bank, acting as construction lenders and end mortgages; The City of Jersey City with the active interest of Mayor Bert Schundler; The Jersey City City Council, spurred by the involvement of Jaime Vasquez, the local council person; HUD, Jersey City's Department of Development, The Department of Community Affairs (NJ's granting State "HOME" funds and the developer, JPAffordable Housing.

Despite the pace, all rules and regulations were fully met. All affirmative requirements, including contractor mix (JP 1/3 minority), marketing and hiring were more than exceeded; 85 percent of the on-site crew were recruited from the inner city.

Volunteers needed

BELL MEAD—The Carrier Foundation, a nonprofit hospital specialized in treating emotional and addictive illness is seeking volunteers to work at its Visitors Information Desk on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information please call Gloria Mahood at 908-281-1316.

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NOW THRU JULY 5

NEW YORK—Film Forum will have the U.S. premiere of "Freedom On My Mind" at its theatre on Houston Street (W of 6th Ave). Screenings daily. For more info, call 212-727-8110.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

NEW YORK—Shore Fire Media will present Terence Blanchard at the Columbia Jazz Jam at Bryant Park 42nd St and 6th Ave at 4 p.m. For more info, call Seth Cohen or Amy Boxenbaum at 718-522-7171. FREE!!

Don't miss "Another View" with Host/Producer Jerry Henry on NJN (ch 23) 5:00/5:30 p.m. Tues at 8:30 p.m. as Another View takes a look at YES Magazine, the magazine for the next generation.

THURSDAY JUNE 30

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will start their Garden Jazz series with "The Ebony Brass Quartet" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the beautiful Alice Ransom Dreyfuss Memorial Garden of the Museum. The concert is Free. For more info please call 201-596-6550, groups please call 201-596-6615.

FRIDAY JULY 1

NEWARK—The Priory Restaurant in the Atrium of the St. Joseph Plaza will host an All American Hammond B-3 Organ Jazz Open Jam with Organist Radam Schwartz, Bruce Williams, on saxophone, Clarry Moore guitar, Cecil Brooks III on drums and anyone else that drops by with their instrument!! For more info, call 201-242-8012, 6 pm to 9 pm.

TUESDAY JULY 5, 12, 19, 26

EAST ORANGE—"Summer in the City" will present Jazz at the Plaza featuring such notables as Noel Pointer, The Harper Brothers, Winard Harper, Quintet, Sherry Winston and Nelson Rangell. All shows 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5147/5123. For hearing impaired call TTY - NJ Relay 1-800-7897.

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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

East Orange features jazz at the plaza

EAST ORANGE—The city of East Orange kicks off its fifth annual "Jazz at the Plaza" series on Tuesday, July 5 with a performance by violinist Noel Pointer. The free concert begins at 6:00 p.m. in Soverel Park.

The six-week jazz series will feature both nationally and internationally known musicians as well as local and regional talent. On July 12, in City Hall Plaza, "The Harper Brothers" featuring Winard Harper, will perform; July 19, jazz flutist Sherry Winston; July 26, saxophonist Nelson Rangell; August 3, at Oval Park, Paquito D'Rivera will bring his latin beat; August 9, concludes the 1994 series with a showcase of East Orange talent. Performers include Little Jimmy Scott, Carrie Smith, Lillete Jenkins Wisner, The Eugene Phipps Band, and The Dave Robinson All Stars.

According to "Jazz at the Plaza" producer, Betty J. Robinson, personalities from WBGO jazz radio

will serve as emcees for each of the performances. Attendees to the concerts in the parks are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. A limited number of chairs will be provided at City Hall Plaza. In the event of the commencement of the reconstruction



on July 19, Grammy nominated jazz flutist, composer and recording artist Sherry Winston will perform at City Hall Plaza. Winston's third album, "Love Is," was nominated for two Grammy Music Awards in 1991 and she has been a featured soloist with Roberta Flack, Quincy Jones, Hubert Laws, Herbie Mann and Arthur Prysock.

Summer fun festival in downtown Newark

NEWARK—On Thursday, July 7 from noon to 8:30 p.m. at Military Park in Newark, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra adds to its summer schedule, for the first time, a free afternoon and evening summer music festival in downtown Newark. The festival will feature many types of music from a steel orchestra to gospel, and offer opportunities for picnicking. The NJSO will perform a program of well-loved overtures and

marches by Bizet, Strauss and Sousa among others at 6:30 p.m. on the orchestra's mobile sound stage on the south side of Military Park. The public is encouraged to bring friends, families, blankets, beach chairs and a picnic. In the event of rain, the festival will be held at Symphony Hall.

Call 1-800-255-3476 for more information and a schedule of summer performances.



Virtuoso jazz drummer/percussionist Max Roach with the ensemble M'Boom, along with video artist kit Fitzgerald will perform "Ju Ju" at the Lincoln Center beginning July 21.

Craig Crawford Players holds free concert in the park



The Craig Crawford Players, a contemporary gospel group will hold a free concert at Washington Park (Broad St. & Washington Pl. downtown Newark) at 12:30 p.m. For more information on this and other events call 201-733-6454.

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Business Calendar

EVERY 3RD TUESDAY

NEW YORK—The Black Public Relations Society of Greater New York will have general membership meetings at the Burston-Marsteller. For more info call 212 614-4599.

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY

NEWARK—Business network, buffet, and dance party. Every 1st Friday of the month at Sheraton Inn • Newark Airport 5:30 p.m.-1 p.m.

EVERY FRIDAY

PLAINFIELD—Consumer Credit Counseling Service of N.J., Inc. will provide counseling services at United National Bank's Community Education Center starting July 6. For more info call 201 287-4324.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

NEWARK—The New Jersey Air Services Development Office will have workshop on "Effective Business Communications" presented by Mr. Donald Crocker, a well known organizational development consultant. It will be held at Newark International Airport. Reservation required. 201 961-4278. Free.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

NEWARK—International Business over Breakfast will feature a presentation by Carol Franklin, Executive Director of the N.J. Economic Development Authority on companies taking advantage of EDA's revolving line of credit to finance export sales. 8 am to 10 am at The Newark Club. For more info contact Eric Veloso at 201 849-6237.

JULY 13, 14

PLAINFIELD—"Steps to Small Business Financing." United National Bank's Community Education Center will hold a free seminar for owners of new and existing businesses. 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Pre registration is required. For more info call 908 756-5000, ext. 2366.

PLAINFIELD—"Compliance for Small Businesses." UNB's Community Education Center will be offering a course on Form 990 which is necessary to legally employ people in the U.S. 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. 908 756-5000.

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CITY BUSINESS

Coca-Cola returns to South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA—The Coca-Cola Company recently announced plans to return to South Africa after disinvesting nearly eight years ago.

"We look forward to rejoining the South African business community and being part of the exciting opportunities that we see emerging in that country today," said John Hunter, executive vice president and principal operating officer of International, The Coca-Cola Company.

At a meeting in Pretoria, Company officials informed South Africa President Nelson Mandela of plans to reenter the country.

The initial steps in the Company's return to South Africa will involve establishing a division office in Johannesburg and purchasing National Beverage Services (NabServ), an independent South African company that has provided marketing, technical and other support to bottlers of Coca-Cola Company products in South Africa.

The purchase is subject to the final approval of the Reserve Bank of South Africa and certain other approvals.

The Southern Africa Division office, which will be established later this year, will manage the Company's business in South Africa and have responsibility for Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland.

"Working with our bottling partners, we are committed to creating a Coca-Cola system which fully embraces the spirit of the new South Africa, while serving our customers and consumers throughout the country with the highest quality products and services," Mr. Hunter said.

As part of the reentry process, the Coca-Cola system will expand its focus on a number of areas supporting South African development. These efforts will include providing career opportunities for blacks and women through affirmative action; implementing an accelerated black management development program; increasing the number of black-owned businesses as business partners and suppliers; and improving literacy and education.

Before disinvesting, The Coca-Cola Company established the Equal Opportunity Foundation (EOF) based

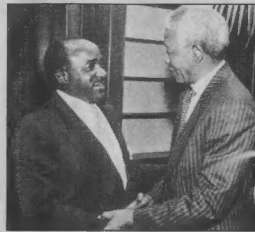
in South Africa. Governed by an independent board of trustees and supported by a \$10 million donation from The Coca-Cola Company, the Foundation continues today to support projects in the areas of black education, health, agriculture and career advancement. The EOF is one of only two independent black-controlled foundations in South Africa.

When the Company disinvested from South Africa in 1986, it was with a goal to help maximize the

economic empowerment of black South Africans and preparing them for leadership roles in a post-apartheid society. As part of the disinvestment, the Company negotiated the placement of a portion of its shares of Amalgamated Beverage Industries, South Africa's largest bottler, to employees of the bottler and small retail customers, most of whom were black.

With Company support, in 1987 a group of black South African investors

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South African President Nelson Mandela, right, welcomes Carl Ware, Africa Group President for The Coca-Cola Company, to his office where both men discussed Coca-Cola's return to South Africa.

MONEY STRATEGIES

Turn your dreams into reality

by Charles J. Owens

America was established by independent small business people. Today owning your own business is still one of the best ways to turn your dreams into reality and wealth.

A small business, even part-time, can be run out of your home to create a tax shelter and income. Here is a checklist of steps you can take to make the opportunity easier.

- Start by choosing a business idea based on your interests, abilities and the amount of time you want to spend.
- Obtain publication 334, "Tax Guide for Small Business" from the IRS. Read Part I, "The Business Organization," and Part II, "Business Assets."
- Choose a business form: sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation. Sole proprietorship is the simplest.
- Set up your business record keeping system. Simple record keeping books are available at any

office supply store.

- Choose a business name. If your last name is included in the business name, most states do not require you to file under the fictitious name statute.
- Set up a business checking account. When you are asked for your business ID number, give your Social Security number.
- Print business cards and flyers.
- Begin offering your product or service for sale to friends and others. Any business is 80 percent marketing and only 20 percent dependent upon your product or service.
- Learn everything you can about business from books, magazines, tape courses, seminars and trade publications.
- Get business educational materials from the Small Business Administration.
- Contact a community college or university in your local area to see what courses are offered on small business.
- Have fun. It's only work if you don't like what you are doing.

Assembly bills passed to ensure quality of life for NJ residents

McEnroe bill changes service-contract regulations

Haytaian supports bill to heighten ethical standards for government employees

TRENTON—Under legislation approved by the Assembly Local Government Committee, municipalities will be able to enter into service contracts for up to three years and realize a significant costs savings that would benefit property taxpayers.

Assemblyman Harry McEnroe (D-Essex) is the sponsor of the measure (A-1657).

"This reform represents one step in the effort to satisfy the public's demand for more efficient government," said McEnroe.

McEnroe said that current law restricts local governments from entering into contracts for services, such as laundry, that exceed 12 consecutive months. His measure would change that limit to three years.

"Obviously, it is cheaper to enter into a three-year contract than doing business on a month-by-month basis. Extending the allowable length for these contracts will enable local governments to make the same kind of business decisions that the private sector makes—and ultimately, the

taxpayers will benefit."

In an effort to improve public confidence in the integrity of state and local officials, Assembly Speaker Garbarino "Chuck" Haytaian is supporting a bill that will increase the ethical standards for such employees.

"It is important for the people to trust those who are working for them at the state and local level, whether they are elected officials or not," said Haytaian (R-Warren). "This legislation will hold public officials to a higher ethical standard and hopefully restore the public confidence that has been eroded by corruption scandals in the past."

The current law requires the forfeiture of office when an official is found guilty of dishonesty, convicted of a crime of the third or fourth degree, convicted in another state or in federal court of the same type of offense, or convicted of an offense involving the abuse of a public official's office or position.

This bill would make forfeiture of public office or employment effective immediately upon conviction.

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Chrysler offers new warranty challenges

HIGHLAND PARK, MI.—With the introduction of its new warranty program, Chrysler is offering its customers more of what they've asked for. And one such request is a totally redesigned 1995 model warranty that includes 24-hour road service, does away with exclusions and transfer fees, and simplifies the process of covered repairs for three years or 36,000 miles.

"Our customers are buying smart and are demanding satisfaction," said Theresa Jones, president of the Chrysler Minority Dealership Association. "Chrysler Corporation now strives to become a leader in customer satisfaction and that's just what this new warranty achieves."

The new warranty, known as "Customer Care One" will be available on all 1995 Chrysler Corporation models beginning this summer with the introduction of the

1995 Plymouth Talon, 1995 Dodge Ram Club Cab and the 1995 Plymouth and Dodge Neon. Chrysler will communicate the changes to current owners of the 1995 Neon, which was introduced in January, and offer the improved coverage retroactively.

"The new warranty program will retain the seven year, 100,000 mile erosion protection, but eliminate the 12/12 and 7/70 protection alternatives," said Jones. "With the 3/36 coverage, Chrysler took what customers most often opted for and enhanced it. The warranty repair coverage has been expanded to include adjustments, carpets, drive belts, fuses, light bulbs, and seat covers."

The new warranty stays with the vehicle rather than the owner. Previously, transfer fees of \$150 were collected by dealers when

ownership of a vehicle changed. The terms weren't always communicated properly to the second-hand owners, resulting in confusion and dissatisfaction.

In addition, 24-hour road side assistance will be offered on all 1995 Chrysler models, with a toll free number for towing, fuel delivery, vehicle lock-out, jump-start and tire change at no charge to the customer during the warranty period.

The new warranty program resulted from a five month study conducted by a team including representatives of warranty administration, sales, service, and marketing, as well as dealers.

Chrysler Corporation will continue to offer optional service contracts through its dealers on all models for customers who want extended term coverage.

Black adults fear for children

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BCCC spokesperson. "Black and White leadership must see the interrelated connection between national and personal values, between programs and policy, between community empowerment strategies and politics, and stop the piecemeal approach to helping children and families."

"As has been true through out our history, the African American community must take the responsibility for saving itself and helping the nation achieve fairness and opportunity," said BCCC spokesperson, Dr. Dorothy I.

Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women. "This time the focus of the struggle is not abolition, not legal segregation, but rescuing America's children, families, and future."

Solutions begin at home: mom more influential than Michael Jordan

Black youths seek adult attention, time, and involvement. They

find their heroes not among famous athletes or entertainers, but in their own homes: an overwhelming 83 percent of young people name their parents, grandparents, siblings, and aunts and uncles as their role models. Religious leaders were mentioned, second only to relatives, as the greatest influence on young people.

Black adults agree that strong parents are crucial to black children. Three-fifths believe it is parents who could do the most to make a positive difference for black youth. While parents hold themselves accountable, they also decry the cultural messages that make their jobs more difficult. Television and movies (75 percent) and Rap music and culture (61 percent) are named by a huge majority of black adults as hurting more than helping black youth.

Edelman said that every sector of society must join forces to save children. "The optimism of our youth is a strong basis on which to build a movement for children in America."

"The President, Congress, and the entire nation must affirm their hope for safe communities and economic and education success that is every American's dream. If frustrated, that dream will become a nightmare of despair and insecurity for us all. That's why we must act now to provide all our children and families good health care, jobs, and positive alternatives to the violence that is engulfing us."

The new crime bill

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tistical and other evidence to prove discrimination in their case. We owe a special note of thanks to Reps. Kwesi Murre (D-MD), John Conyers (D-MI), and the Congressional Black Caucus for insisting that this provision be included in the bill.

A recent House Judiciary Subcommittee report suggests that U.S. attorneys prosecuting federal cases for drug-related matters are exercising their discretion in potentially abusive ways against African Americans and Latinos. For example, nearly 90 percent of the defendants prosecuted for murder under the 1988 Drug Abuse Act have been either African American or Mexican American. All ten of the death penalty prosecutions approved recently by the Justice Department have been against African Americans. The substantial expansion of the federal death penalty makes enactment of the Racial Justice Act an absolute necessity.

Unfortunately, Election year political pressure for tough measures is pushing the crime bill in the wrong direction. Without immediate action from

African Americans, it is likely that the final crime bill will drop the Racial Justice Act and other provisions of greatest concern to our community, while keeping those provisions we strongly oppose. We must tell Congress that a crime bill that hurts is worse than no crime bill at all.

The NAACP strongly believes that any final crime bill must contain the 1) Racial Justice Act; 2) \$7 billion "Crime prevention package"; and 3) ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons. The failure to retain these provisions in the crime bill means that African Americans are the big losers, and that Congress will have fallen victim to its own empty rhetoric about crime control.

Wade Henderson is Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau.

Ministers respond to Rollins' apology

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across the nation, to also pipe across this nation that this same Ed Rollins, came before the clergy of New Jersey and admitted that not one single black preacher was paid money to subvert the black vote.

Third, because we want to bring closure to this sad episode, in a way that brings about some healing. We do not want it said that we just dropped it, that we just moved on. But rather that we met our accusers face to face, had the truth revealed, said what we had to say and set the record straight, and if not with folk on the outside, at least with ourselves, proved our credibility and integrity.

Finally, let us make it very clear, that this meeting today is not to exonerate or promote Mr. Rollins. Any candidate in any state hires his or her own choosing and bears the consequences for it. More than

anything we are ministers of the gospel, not elected, but called to prophetic ministry. As ministers we preach and teach repentance and forgiveness. For us not to be forgiving of genuine repentance would be a contradiction and unchristian.

But let it be understood by all, that forgiveness is not forgetting. We say forgive, but we cannot and will not forget the pain and hurt inflicted upon us and serve notice today that this body and these black preachers will be sore vigilant and outspoken in leading our people and community on the issues and candidates that come before us.

Pain is a part of the healing process. And so we commit ourselves to take the pain of this experience and use it to motivate and challenge us to be more effective and faithful prophets and watchmen for our people and community.

Democratic Hall of Fame inducts new members

NEWARK—The West Orange Democratic Chair, recently announced the names of the four inductees into the Essex County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame.

The new hall of Fame members, Montclair chairman, William L. Brach; former Sheriff and Assemblyman John F. Cryan; 13 year Essex County vice-chair Queen E. James;

and former Essex County vice-chair and Montclair Chair and Democratic Woman's Federation leader May E. Maher will be inducted on Thursday, June 30, at the Robert Treat Hotel, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Assemblyman William Brown. "The four inductees have given generously of their time and talents toward the democratic party

and have stood for the principles of good government. Our four inductees exemplify the best in our Essex County Democratic Party. Their names will be inscribed on a permanent plaque that will hang in Essex County Democratic Headquarters in Newark."

For additional information call 201-622-8300.

Library begins summer hours

NEWARK—Effective Monday, June 27, The Newark Public Library begins Summer hours. The Main Library, located at 5 Washington Street, will be open Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; and will be closed on Sunday.

The Branch Libraries will be open Monday and Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The Business Information Center located at 34 Commerce Street, will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

Coca-Cola returns to South africa

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black. With Company support, in 1987 a group of black South African investors known as the Kilimanjaro Group, purchased from a third party a majority interest in the Coca-Cola franchise in East London, South Africa. The East London franchise is the first soft drink bottler to be majority owned by black South Africans.

Today in South Africa, through independent Coca-Cola bottling companies, products of the Coca-Cola Company hold a 75 percent share of carbonated soft drink sales.

Last week we went to press with a gross error on the front page, (tragedy should have been tragedy). We apologize and ask that our readers do not judge us by our mistakes, but by the content of our publications. Thank you.

Beyond the South African election

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most dependent constituencies. However, South Africa could pay dearly for this in the long term through the probable exclusion of the concerns of consumers, investors, and small competitive enterprises in such a corporatist arrangement.

Professor Schlemmer noted that outside of participants in a QCTU, central parliamentary opposition amounted to only 6 percent of the legislature, and that it was a fractured minority (four separate parties) at that. As a result, not only opposition to government actions, but also innovative proposals for policy formulation would have to be provided from outside parliament, particularly through the work of non-governmental organizations.

Rice seeks presidency

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was an incumbent, won re-election in the run-off, the team of Tucker, Crump and Quintana got the highest vote in the West Ward. This year, I supported Tucker, Crump, Quintana and Harris in the election and subsequent run-off, for whom were elected to the council with the full support of the West Ward.

"And now, with the full support of my West Ward organization, my constituents and citywide support from Newark citizens I will look to my council colleagues for their support. My 12 years on the council has given me the understanding of government

and politics. In the process, I've gained in personal growth and experience. I have the commitment and the ability to work with the Administration. Through good times and hard times, I will be a fair but firm leader, a council president who will honor the privilege to serve my city."

Rice emphasized that he will seek a four-year term as council president.

"It's most important to Newark to have consistency in leadership, with sufficient time to develop the working relationships with the administration in order to successfully reach specific goals and develop special projects to benefit our residents and taxpayers"

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